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Frederick County drinking water meets or surpasses standards . . .
ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE

FREDERICK, MD – Consumer Confidence Reports for calendar year 2012 are now available on the Frederick County Government website (www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/WaterQualityReports), according to the Frederick County Division of Utilities and Solid Waste Management (DUSWM).

The Consumer Confidence Report, or CCR, is an annual water quality report that the Safe Drinking Water Act requires all community water systems to provide to its customers. Among other things, the report lists the regulated contaminants found in drinking water, as well as health effects information related to violations of the drinking water standards.

As in years past, DUSWM is pleased to report that drinking water from all 12 county water systems meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards.

This year, DUSWM will be taking advantage of a recent revision to the EPA Consumer Confidence Report Rule which allows water utilities to use electronic delivery options for the distribution of their CCR.

From April through June, water customers will see a notice printed in their quarterly billing statement that includes a direct website link to their system's report.

DUSWM Director Kevin Demosky commented, "We hope our customers find the information in this report useful and understand the efforts of our employees to produce safe and reliable water. Use of this electronic delivery option should result in immediate savings of approximately \$10,000 in the first year and additional savings each year thereafter by eliminating the need to print and mail copies of the CCR to each customer."

Customers who are unable to view this report online can contact DUSWM at 301-600-1825 to request a paper copy, which will be mailed to their home.

For further information or questions about the content of the CCR, contact Regulatory Compliance Department Head Mark Schweitzer at 301-600-2296 or via e-mail at mschweitzer@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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